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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY -- JULY 11

GENEVA FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY AND AMBASSADOR STOESSEL  
BEIRUT PASS BAGHDAD  
GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE  
GENEVA FOR MEPC DEL  
USIA FOR IBS, IEE, IPS, IOP/M

1. UNITED STATES. PRAVDA REPORTS THE BEGINNING OF THE SECRETARY'S TALKS WITH GROMYKO, AND CARRIES A TASS ITEM SAYING THAT IN THE FIRST MEETING THE PARTIES DISCUSSED THE CSCE AND "OTHER PROBLEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO BOTH SIDES." PRAVDA CARRIES EXCERPTS FROM SENTAORS HUMPHREY AND SCOTT'S REPORT TO CONGRESS ON THEIR VISIT TO THE USSR. PRAVDA REPORTS THAT SCOTT UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE VISIT IN GENERAL, THE SENATORS' MEETING WITH BREZHNEV, AND THEIR DISCUSSIONS ABOUT CONTROLLING STRATEGIC WEAPONS. CARRIED IN THE SAME ARTICLE ARE SENATOR RIBICOFF'S STATEMENTS THAT HE BELIEVES ONE WAY TO IMPROVE SOVIET-AMERICAN TRADE MIGHT BE THROUGH A CHANGE IN THE CEILING ON CREDITS WHICH CAN BE EXTENDED TO THE SOVIET UNION. PRAVDA BRIEFLY WRITES THAT ASHLAND OIL SECRETLY GAVE \$240,000 TO SAUDI ARABIAN PRINCE MISKHAL ABDEL IN RETURN FOR "HELP" RENDERED IN PURCHASING CRUDE OIL FROM SAUDI ARABIA. PRAVDA REPORTS THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE VOTED TO REINSTATE THE EMBARGO ON RHODESIAN CHROME.

2. A LENGTHY COMMENTARY IN THE MILITARY NEWSPAPER RED STAR WARNS THAT U.S. MILITARISTS, "IN ESSENCE" IN A UNITED FRONT WITH MAOISTS, HAVE INTENSIFIED THEIR EFFORTS TO (1) CONDUCT POLICY FROM A POSITION OF STRENGTH, (2) INCREASE TENSION IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD (EXAMPLE: GROWING ARMS SHIPMENTS TO ISRAEL, (3) SPREAD MYTH OF SOVIET THREAT (EXAMPLES: RECENT STATEMENTS OF DEFENSE SECRETARY UNCLASSIFIED

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SCHLESINGER, AND A FALSE ACCOUNT OF A SOVIET MILITARY BASE IN SOMALIA), AND (4) HINDER MILITARY ASPECTS OF DETENTE (EXAMPLE: NATO COUNTRIES ATTEMPTING TO ENHANCE THEIR MILITARY POSITION IN EUROPE VIA MBFR NEGOTIATIONS). COMMENTARY CONCLUDES THAT DANGER OF WAR CONTINUES TO EXIST, ALTHOUGH IT HAS SUBSIDED BECAUSE OF DETENTE. BUT PEACE-LOVING FORCES MUST MAINTAIN HIGH VIGILANCE AND UNCOMPROMISING

STRUGGLE AGAINST MILITARISM.

3. SOMALIA. PRAVDA REPORTS A REUTERS CORRESPONDENT'S REMARKS THAT SIX SOVIET TRANSPORT PLANES ARE IN HARGEISA SOLELY TO ASSIST THE SOMALI PEOPLE AND TO HELP THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT TRANSFER PART OF THE POPULATION AWAY FROM DROUGHT-RIDDEN AREAS. IZVESTIYA CARRIES REMARKS BY SOMALI STATE SECRETARY FOR INFORMATION KHASSAN LAUDING THE WIDENING AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN MOGADISCIO AND MOSCOW. NO MENTION IS MADE OF THE REPORTS BY THE U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATIONS WHICH VISITED BERBEA.

4. TURKEY. PRAVDA REPORTS THE SIGNING IN ANKARA OF A USSR-TURKEY AGREEMENT FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION. PRAVDA ALSO REPORTS PRESIDENT FORD'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF MOVEMENT TOWARD A COMPROMISE AGREEMENT WITH CONGRESS CONCERNING RESUMPTION OF U.S. MILITARY AID TO TURKEY.

5. MIDDLE EAST. PRAVDA COMMENTARY (YAKHTONOV) ON RABIN'S VISIT TO GERMANY MELTS A STANDARD CASTIGATION OF ISRAEL'S MIDDLE EAST POLICIES WITH CRITICISM OF RABIN'S VISIT TO BERLIN AS CONTRARY TO THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT. PRAVDA BRIEFLY REPORTS THE OPENING IN CAIRO OF A FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM 23 ARAB AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES WITH THE PLO TAKING PART IN AN OBSERVER CAPACITY. IN AN IZVESTIYA INTERVIEW, EGYPTIAN PARLIAMENTARIAN SAID MAREI CONDEMNS ISRAEL'S POLICIES AIMED AT SEPARATING THE PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT FROM THE GENERAL ARAB STRUGGLE FOR A ME SETTLEMENT. MAREI, ACCORDING TO IZVESTIYA, STATES THAT THE BEST FORUM FOR SEEKING A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL AND OF INSURING THE UNCLASSIFIED

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RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS "SEEMS TO BE THE GENEVA CONFERENCE."

6. MONGOLIA. PRAVDA FRONT-PAGES A BREZHNEV-PODGORNY CABLE ON THE 54TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLES REPUBLIC. PRAVDA ALSO CARRIES A REPORT ON SOVIET-MONGOLIAN COOPERATION IN DEVELOPING THE ERDINET COPPER COMPLEX.

7. SOUTHEAST ASIA. IZVESTIYA'S COMMENTARY DISCUSSES AS "POSITIVE CHANGES" THAILAND'S DECISION TO HAVE U.S. FORCES WITHDRAWN BY MARCH 1976 AND PHILIPPINES' COMMENTS ON RENEGOTIATING U.S. BASE AGREEMENTS. THESE ARE SIGNS OF GROWING INDEPENDENCE BY SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES, SAYS IZVESTIYA, AND ARE LINKED TO THE "VICTORIES" OF THE INDOCHINESE PEOPLES AGAINST "PENTAGON"-SUPPORTED REGIMES.

IZVESTIYA WARMS, HOWEVER, THAT PEKING SEEKS TO  
INTERFERE IN SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES THROUGH MAOIST  
INSURGENTS AND WARNS THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION TO GUARD  
NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE.  
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